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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-35 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

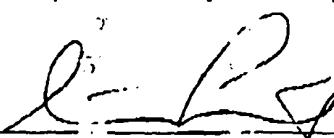
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) large entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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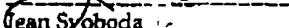
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